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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENTERING A FLIGHT PLAN INTO AN
AIRCRAFT NAVIGATION SYSTEM

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary labeled paper no. 20060307, Applicant respectfully submits the following summary of the substance of an interview (hereinafter, "the Interview"), held by telephone, on March 7, 2006, among Gertrude Arthur-Jeanglaude (examiner), Scott Merritt (applicant), and George Goodman (applicant's representative).

During the Interview, no exhibit was shown or demonstrated. Claim 1 was discussed with reference to Berson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,905,091) as prior art. Applicant's representative argued that, with respect to the "acoustic signal" of claim 1, the prior art teaches an acoustic signal comprising aircraft noise reflected from the ground, whereas in

the invention the acoustic signal is from speech and originates inside the cockpit. No agreement was reached with respect to the claims. In the interest of expediting prosecution of the application, Applicant's subsequent amendment did not rely on the substance of the Interview.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Merritt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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